

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO HOLD THIRD ANNUAL HOSPITAL BAZAAR

On Wednesday, May 9, the Women's Auxiliary of the North Adams Hospital will hold its Third Annual Hospital Bazaar at the Masonic Temple. The doors will be open at 10:00 a.m. This Bazaar is open to the public and everyone is urged to attend.

One of the highlights of the Bazaar will be the snack bar which will open at 11:00 a.m. Business men and women will find it very convenient to drop in at the Masonic Temple for a delicious lunch. Lobster salad, tuna fish salad, ham salad, and egg salad rolls; and home-made pies and cake, coffee, milk, pickles, and potato chips will be on the menu. A tea will be served at 2:30 p.m.

There will be a Gift and Novelty Table. Luncheon sets, baby gifts, and gifts for June brides will be some of the articles for sale at this table. There will be a Children's Clothing Table, an Apron Table, a Food Table, a Candy Table, a Garden Shop, and a Parcel Post Table. Also, there will be a White Elephant Table, a Bargain Table (one dollar and under), a Nearly-New Shop, and Children's Amusements, such as a grab bag and a puppet show. An auction will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Harold Brafman is President of the Women's Auxiliary and Mrs.

Norman Schulze is Treasurer. Mrs. James Hull and Mrs. John Washburn, co-chairmen of the Ways and Means Committee, planned the Bazaar.

The Women's Auxiliary gives the proceeds of the Bazaar to the North Adams Hospital. With this money, your hospital is able to buy better equipment in order to take better care of you when you are ill. This organization also buys all the linen and blankets for the hospital. So remember to attend the Bazaar on May 9 and give the North Adams Hospital your support.

Revised Employee Policy Booklets to be Sent Out

The employee policy booklet entitled "Your Job at Sprague Electric", which is given to all employees when they are hired, has been revised. The new employee policy booklet is entitled "Guidepost to Your Future".

The employee policy booklet sets forth the policies, benefits, and history of the Company in order to introduce an employee to his job, make him familiar with some of the background of Sprague Electric, and acquaint him with the benefits which he will receive.

In the near future, a copy of "Guidepost to Your Future" will be mailed to the home of each employee.

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HAROLD TWITCHELL MADE LIEUTENANT IN THE RESERVES

Harold F. Twitchell, a member of North Adams' organized army reserve unit, has been promoted to first lieutenant. During World War II, Lieut. Twitchell served in Europe with the 89th division. Harold is employed in Payroll and Costs.

DR. ROBINSON TO BE ASSISTED BY "EXECUTIVE ENGINEER"



Lieutenant Colonel John Schimmel, III, former Air Force officer, who recently joined Sprague Electric as Executive Engineer and secretary of the Development Committee.

A careful review of the Research and Engineering functions of the Company was recently made at the instance of Dr. Robinson, Vice President of Research, and Mr. R. C. Sprague, President of the Company. All the section supervisors in the Research and Engineering Department shared in the study and contributed ideas. It has resulted in a realignment of some of the responsibilities in the Research and Engineering Department, with greater attention to administration and greater freedom for Dr. Robinson to specialize in scientific progress for the Company.

A Development Committee comprised of the President of the Company and its three Vice Presidents of Research, Sales, and Production will be formed, and the new "Executive Engineer" referred to below will act as its secretary. This Development Committee will meet quarterly for the purpose of determining what projects will be undertaken by the Research Department and will establish their relative emphasis, importance and funds required.

Dr. Robinson is given the assistance of an "Executive Engineer" who will be

responsible to him for the administration of the department, and will be responsible to the Development Committee as its secretary.

An appointment to this position was recently made, selected from a large number of able men anxious to join the Sprague Company. Lieutenant Colonel John Schimmel, III, recently joined us as the Executive Engineer.

For six years he has been Assistant Director of the large electrical research and development division of Franklin Institute at Philadelphia. For four previous years he was Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, selecting and training fliers and officers, and administering air fields in the Pacific. He was graduated from Princeton near the top of his class, specializing in electrical engineering, then did engineering work for the Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania for some years. As a sideline now, he is commanding officer of a Research and Development unit of the Air Force Reserve. He has been Boy Scout District Commissioner in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Schimmel's home is in our neighboring town of Worthington.

Mr. Schimmel is trying to help Dr. Robinson marshal skills of our talented engineers into an invincible team, in order to ensure the growth and leadership of our Company.

SUGGESTION AWARDS MADE



Adam Novak, Foreman of Foil Preparation and Dry Rolling, looks on while David Cates of the Personnel Department, who is Secretary of the Suggestion Committee, presents Walter Graves, of Foil Preparation, and Walter Wolfrum, of Dry Rolling, each with a twenty-five dollar check. Mr. Graves and Mr. Wolfrum collaborated on a suggestion. Their suggestion was a new jig for use in the packing department to save spoilage on condensers.



Harold Alderman of the Molding Department at Brown Street is handed a fifteen dollar check for his suggestion by David Cates.

Red Lewitt, Acting Foreman of the Molding Department, looks on.

Harold was presented the award for his suggestion which reduced the time involved in changing the small Prokar Molds.

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CELEBRATE

25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Cecile and Paul Bouchard of Industrial Oil Stacking celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 8. Ceil was born in France and came here as a little girl, attended the local schools and was graduated from Notre Dame. Paul is a life-long resident of North Adams. He, also, graduated from Notre Dame. Their daughter, Mrs. Francis Green of Pittsfield, surprised her parents with a family dinner. They were presented with a purse of silver in keeping with the occasion. Congratulations to you both.

SHOWER

Miss Shirley Thoros, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas J. Thoros, was feted at a bridal shower on April 15 at the home of her parents. Miss Thoros is employed in General Accounting.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dennett have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Eleanor Dennett, to Niles Edward Callahan, Jr. of Bennington, Vt. Gloria, who works in Payroll, has planned the wedding for June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zabek have announced the engagement of their daughter Jane T. to Robert W. McPherson. Jane works in Payroll while Bob is in Specifications Engineering. The wedding is planned for May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Pisano have announced the engagement of their daughter, Genevieve Pisano, to Joseph Nuvaillie. Genevieve works in Dry Rolling while Joe is in Dry Tubular Assembly. The wedding will take place in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Andrews have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Virginia Andrews, to William Arthur Jirkovsky. Joan is employed in the Specifications Engineering Department.

KNOW YOUR FOREMAN



Norman Chenail, Foreman of Marshall Street Rolling.

Norman Chenail came to Sprague Electric in 1935. Since then, he has been employed in Paper Rolling at Beaver Street and Brown Street General. Norm became a Foreman in 1942, and now is kept busy running Marshall Street Rolling efficiently.

Although Mr. Chenail was born in Williamstown, he attended the North Adams schools, and his wife, June, is a local girl. Their family consists of three children: Dick, age 9, Antoinette,

age 8, and Michel, 9 months. The dog, "Topper", rounds out the family group. Mrs. Chenail formerly was employed at Sprague Electric.

For relaxation, Norm reads a great deal. His reading includes "Popular Mechanics" and any novels which might be around. He enjoys going to the movies. In fact, Norm takes them in every time they change. In the summer, he has a vegetable garden.

Weddings

Miss Joan Madeline Bradley, daughter of Mrs. Anna Bradley of North Pownall and the late Michael Bradley, became the bride of Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Thomas Clancy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Clancy of Petersburg, N. Y., on April 14, 1951 at St. Francis de Sales church in Bennington. The bride is employed in the Mica Department.

Miss Betty Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blair, became the bride of William Goodermote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goodermote on April 17, 1951 at the rectory of the Methodist church in Petersburg. The groom is employed in the Centrifuge Department.

Miss Shirley Joan Bergeron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delphis Bergeron, became the bride of Raymond William Serbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Serbo on April 21, 1951, in St. Francis church. The bride is employed in the Sample Department.

Miss Alice Claire Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Miller, and Weston Prince Beer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beer of Prospect Street,

Cheshire, were married on April 21, 1951, in St. Francis church. The bride is employed in the Molded Tubular Final Solder Department.

Miss Lorraine Elizabeth Noel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Noel, and Francis Edward Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, were married in St. John's Episcopal church on April 26, 1951. The bride is employed in the Paper Ignition Assembly Department.

Miss Lorraine Geraldine Shartrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shartrand, became the bride of Eddie Maxwell, son of Mrs. Viola Maxwell and Eddie Maxwell of Fort Edward, N. Y., on April 14, 1951 in Notre Dame Church. The bridegroom is in the Resistor Assembly Department.

Miss Patricia Ann Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Welch, became the bride of Harold Arthur Harriman, son of Mrs. Lottie H. Harriman and H. Arthur Harriman, on April 14, 1951 in the Church of the Incarnation in Blackinton. The bride has been employed as editor of the LOG.

BIRTHS

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Edward LaBonte on April 26, 1951. Mr. LaBonte is employed in the Metal Clad Department.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailot on April 20, 1951. Mrs. Bailot, Joan, is employed in Miscellaneous Dry Rolling — DG 24 Assembly, while Mr. Bailot is in Check Inspection.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meiklejohn on April 16, 1951. Mr. Meiklejohn is in Methods and Time Study while Ruth, the mother, is formerly of the Payroll Department.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. St. Pierre on April 23, 1951. Helen, the mother, is employed in the F. P. Assembly Department.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Hall on April 23, 1951. The mother, Anita, works in the F. P. Assembly Department.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sprague on April 23, 1951. Mr. Sprague is employed in Dry Rolling.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Macteer on April 26, 1951. The mother, Helen, is employed in F. P. Assembly while Mr. Macteer is in Industrial Oil Assembly.

Brown Street

Industrial Oils

by Mary-Ann

Charlie Zochi and Tweedles went fishing. Can they enter a fish under five inches long in the contest? Teddy Maranti swings a wicked line, too. All he caught was a cold. Put "em" in a bowl and let "em" grow up.

Betty Roberts caused quite a stir in the Department the other day with new hair-do. Very lovely, Betty!

We are all sorry to lose part of our room (Networks) to Marshall Street. We will miss them. Best of luck to all of you.

We know the price of a haircut in Bennington is only 50c. Let "Red" Hogan model his for you. Take Route 7 to Bennington. Line forms on the right.

If there is ever a contest for telling the biggest yarns we would like to enter Howard Davis. Can he tell some "whoppers" about the "ones that got away"?

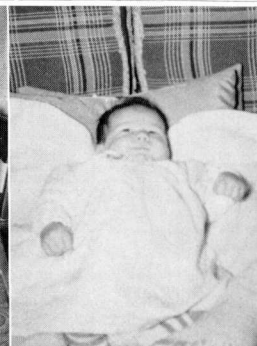
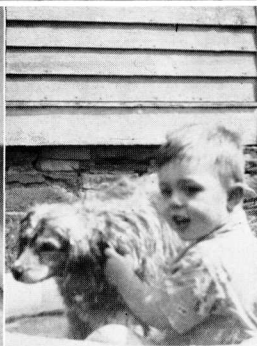
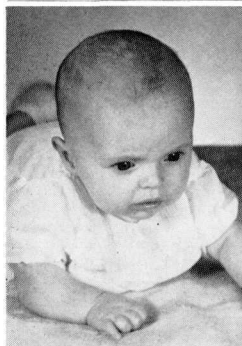
The Networks girls had themselves a party last Thursday night at the Midway. They enjoyed dinner and the floor show.

Welcome to all the new people in the Department. Hope they like us!

We hear congratulations are in order for Isabelle Witherow.

Dick Clark and Helen Shields returned to the radio, WNAW at 7:00 on May 1. For a good fifteen minutes listening, tune in.

Don't forget to listen to 1050 on May 10. It features another of our gang, Bill Sheldon.



Susan is the 6 months old daughter of Jean Richards of the Pilot Plant. Susan's grandfather, Oliver Richards, is employed in Western Electric. Bobbie Beverly poses with his dog, Bobbie's mother, Rachel, is employed in the Personnel Department and his father, Merritt, is employed in Check Inspection. Jim Dillon of the Filter Assembly Department has three boys. They are from left to right; James 3, Robert 5, and Ricky, 19 months. Their dog, Jackie, sits under the table. Paul De Grenier, Sr. is employed in Dry Tubular Assembly. Tommy Kirby is the 15 months old son of Dorothy Kirby. Dorothy is employed in the Dry Rolling Department, night shift, at Beaver Street.

WORLD WIDE BROADCASTS AT SPRAGUE ELECTRIC

Sprague Electric Employees Given An Opportunity To Describe What Democracy Means To Them



Sid Dimond of the WRUL crew interviews T. J. Rondeau.



Charles Felix expresses his views on democracy.



Mr. Dimond and Peter Mancuso discuss civic activities.



Livingston Rice is interviewed by Ed Wesley.



Irene Chouinard translated for Augustin Fourtoun.

On April 16, Sprague Electric employees were given an opportunity to tell the peoples of the world how they felt about democracy and their life in America. A crew of three men from Station WRUL in Boston interviewed nineteen employees in the Beaver, Brown, and Marshall Street plants. These interviews were transcribed on a tape recorder and will be edited and then beamed to Europe and South America as a part of the "Voice of Freedom" series, entitled "Freedom Speaks".

The program "Freedom Speaks" is sponsored by the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation, a non-profit organization supported by interested individuals and groups. This Foundation does not receive government support and is the only short-wave outfit of its type in the country. Its purpose is to retain friends in foreign countries, make new friends, and boost the morale of oppressed people. The World Wide Broadcasting Foundation does not propagandize democracy, but merely shows how the American way of life actually works. The programs reveal that we are enjoying our freedom and hope less privileged people may also enjoy freedom.

WRUL Crew Headed By Sid Dimond

The crew from WRUL was headed by Sid Dimond, who is the writer and narrator of "Freedom Speaks". Mr. Dimond is a professor of radio at Boston University and has written several textbooks on radio which are used in American colleges. He also does free lance writing for Ted Malone, Dragnet, Suspense, Inner Sanctum, and the Cavalcade of America. Mr. Dimond works with the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation because of his interest in repudiating Communism.

Crew Member Does Three Feature Shows For WRUL

Mr. Dimond was assisted by his associate Ed Wesley. Mr. Wesley is a Production Manager at WRUL. His job entails handling, producing, and announcing programs. He does three feature shows. "American Business Bulletins" is a resumé of stock market activity and quotations. Mr. Wesley

does a variety show entitled "On Stage America" which is a discussion of current music and musical shows. This program is beamed to Europe and the Far East. Mr. Wesley's third show, "Boston Tune Party", is a musical program characterized by an informal atmosphere and in which the freedoms are strongly implied. These three programs which Mr. Wesley conducts exemplify how WRUL demonstrates freedom and democracy.

Jeffrey Fleming, an observer from the New York office of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation, completed the crew.

WRUL Instrumental In Fight For Democracy

WRUL has been instrumental in the fight for democracy. During World War II, the station successfully urged the people of Yugoslavia to resist invasion. It also kept nine hundred ships of the Norwegian fleet from German hands. The ships were at sea, and although urged by the Germans to return to the Norwegian ports which had been seized, WRUL convinced them of the true state of affairs. The ships then proceeded to neutral ports and escaped seizure by the Germans.

Broadcasts Well Received In Europe

WRUL's freedom broadcasts are well received in Europe. The station has received many letters which express enthusiasm over the programs and faith in the message which is conveyed.

Theme For Program

Each "Freedom Speaks" broadcast is built around a basic theme. The theme of the broadcast from Sprague Electric will be "What Personifies America?", or "How Do Basic Freedoms Operate?" Here is how Sprague Electric employees feel freedom operates:

Fred Windover

Fred Windover of the Sales Office was one of the Sprague Electric employees interviewed. As a member of the North Adams City Council, Mr. Windover was in an excellent position to describe how democracy works in government. He had been a page boy for the Council as a youth with the

boyish ambition of becoming President of the Council some day. He was President in 1947. The Council is the legislative branch of the local government and although Mr. Windover puts in about six or seven hours of work in its behalf each week, he receives no pay. Fred described how the Council functions, using the installation of the parking meters as an illustration. Also, he showed how on a controversial issue, such as the airport question, the Council sought the opinion of the voters by calling for a referendum. Ninety percent of the North Adams voters responded on this question indicating that the members of a democracy do exercise their privilege of voting.

Dina Gendron

The next stop made by the roving microphone was at Dry Rolling where Dina Gendron is employed. Dina came from Sherbrooke, Canada and has been at Sprague Electric for one year. She likes her work very much, and considers the working conditions and pay excellent. Dina described in French the short hours, the good pay, and the liberty and freedom enjoyed by Americans.

Lloyd King

The third person interviewed at the Beaver Street plant was Lloyd King, President of ICW No. 2 and an employee in Foil Preparation. Lloyd has been employed at Sprague Electric since 1937 and at present is a bonus operator, receiving bonus for anything over a certain number of units per hour. As President of a union, Lloyd described the functions and accomplishments of a labor union in a democracy. He also spoke about what democracy meant to him. To him, it was the freedom of being able to do what you wanted and free speech. He felt that if Communism ever gained control over America, living conditions would become deplorable and the workers would not make much money. In an economy based on free enterprise, a worker could have an automobile, a television set, and his own home, *plus* freedom.

Peter Mancuso

At Brown Street, Peter Mancuso was interviewed. Pete's many activities are an excellent example of democracy in action. He runs the First Aid Course for the Auxiliary Police and helps in the life saving course at the Lasell Pool. He is the trainer of a local football team and is very interested in wrestling and skating. Pete is particularly active in organizing sports for children as he feels that athletic activity is good for them. He also is a member of the City Council. Pete's civic projects show him to be a conscientious American citizen keeping democracy alive and doing his best to improve it.

Joanne, Josephine, and Rita Aragose

The microphone next picked up the three Aragose sisters who were brought up in Italy. The twins, Joanne and Josephine, were born in America, but Rita was born in Italy. The three girls agreed that America was very nice and they were glad to be here. Each of the girls said a few words in Italian to their relatives in Italy.

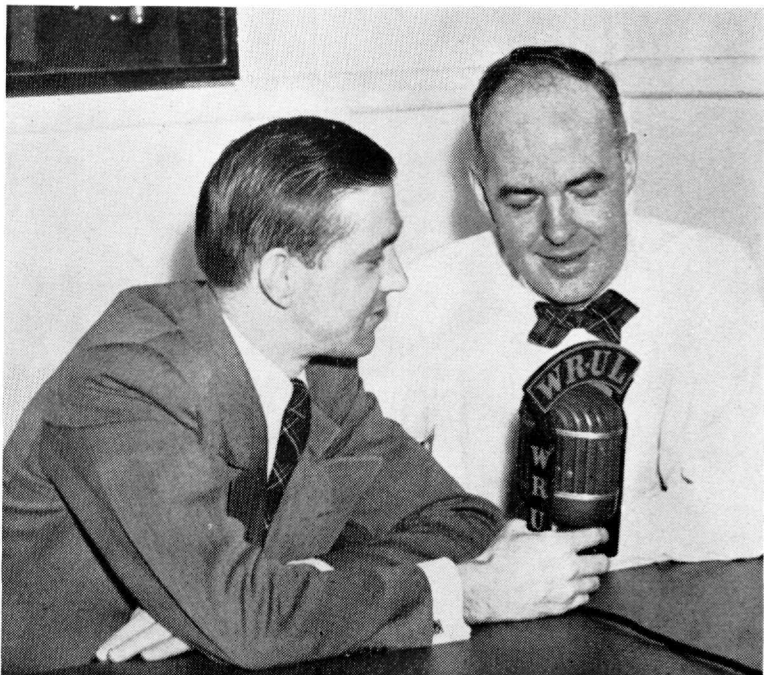
Augustin Fourtoun

Augustin Fourtoun was one of the employees to be interviewed. As Gus speaks very little English, he was assisted by Irene Chouinard. Mr. Fourtoun described his life in France and his experiences in World War I which resulted in his being awarded the French Medal of Honor. Gus likes it here very much and, in particular, approves of America's trying to help other countries and her efforts to prevent war.

Charles Felix

Charles Felix was given an opportunity to express his views on how democracy functions. Chuck had been in the Air Corps during World War II and he was overseas for two years. Because of his service record, he was able to build his home with money

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Fred Windover describes the functions of a City Council member.



The three Aragose sisters speak in Italian to their relatives in Italy.



The WRUL crew relaxes for a minute during their day of interviewing at Sprague Electric. From left to right: Sid Dimond, Jeffrey Fleming and Ed Wesley. Art Mathews, Sprague Electric Safety Director, and Courtney Flanders of the Employee Relations Department, aided in the interviews.

WRUL Crew Interviews Sprague Electric Employees

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borrowed under the G. I. Bill of Rights. As a member of the City Council, Chuck was able to give a very specific description of democracy. Mr. Felix sits right next to one of the plant managers at the Council meetings. Recently, the Council had to make a decision on whether to have a new traffic artery through the city or not. The plant manager approved of the new highway; Mr. Felix was opposed. The fact that Chuck, in an indirect manner, worked for the plant manager had no influence on the way he voted in the Council.

Livingston Rice

At Marshall Street, Livingston Rice was one of the persons to be interviewed. As a ham radio operator, Livingston has more of an opportunity than the average American to contact people in foreign countries. He has spoken to other ham radio operators in about seventy-five different countries. The conversations usually revolve around ham radio and sometimes native products are discussed. Mr. Rice feels that this contact by radio has a unifying effect and helps people to understand each other. He is interested in getting behind the Iron Curtain and talking to the people there. Livingston has no academic interest in Communism; he just wants to get rid of it.

John Milne

John Milne, who was born in Scotland, is perhaps one of the most sincere

and enthusiastic supporters of America and her democracy. Mr. Milne sees freedom in America as an actuality, not a concept. He described democracy at work in Sprague Electric. All the employees eat in the same lunchroom and are friendly to each other though some are on salary and some are paid by the hour. Here men meet as men, recognize each other's abilities, and get along on that basis. They are not layers in a social strata. Mr. Milne does not think that Communism offers anything which America cannot get for herself. Communism offers something for nothing and one must always look twice at such an offer. Mr. Milne feels there is a hook in such bait. Mr. Milne assured the people behind the Iron Curtain that they do not stand alone. Right here in Sprague Electric, the tools are being supplied which will curb Communism.

Frans Fonteyn

Frans Fonteyn, who was born in Belgium, was interviewed by the WRUL crew. Mr. Fonteyn expressed the opinion that the real strength of America lies in the unity of the forty-eight states and the people in these states. In an emergency, Americans are able to put aside their political and religious differences and place the interest of the country first. Mr. Fonteyn has lived in the United States since 1933 and has had a great deal of opportunity to see how the freedoms operate. The Belgium people basically have the same freedoms which we have, but Mr. Fonteyn is impressed by the

fact that Americans have the "know how" when it comes to using these freedoms.

John Robinson

The interviewers next stopped to question John Robinson of the Shipping Department. John is of English descent and has spent many years working in South America. He has settled in North Adams because it is his wife's home. John sees democracy at work in his job where there is unlimited possibilities for advancement. A democracy offers a person the right to work, to produce, to take away the fruits of their labor, to have a comfortable home, and freedom. John has been in places where people did not have enough to eat, but in America every worker can afford good food. Mr. Robinson is looking forward to participating in one of the most important functions of democracy. He will receive his final citizenship papers next January and then he will be able to vote for the first time in his life.

Erasts Viksnins

Erasts Viksnins, of Marshall Street Maintenance, worked as a civil engineer under the Russians in Latvia. He was in a D. P. camp in Germany for sometime, but came to the United States with his family in 1949. Here in America, Erasts is not awakened in the middle of the night for questioning as is the case for people under the Russian rule. Mr. Viksnins misses his native land, but enjoys living and working here where democracy is an actuality.

T. J. Rondeau

Next, the microphone picked up T. J. Rondeau. Mr. Rondeau has men of all nationalities working in the Machine Shop, and he feels that there is no country in the world like America and that it is the only place in which to live.

EMPLOYEES ASKED WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO AFTER WORKING HOURS

The WRUL crew went through Charles Sutliff's Department just as the employees were leaving their work to go home. Marge Hauptfleisch, John LePage, Lila Abraham, and Isabelle Mazinski were asked what they were planning to do for the remaining part of the afternoon and that evening. Their answers, revealing what Americans do in their leisure hours, will be of great interest to listeners in foreign lands.

WRUL Crew Impressed With Cordial Atmosphere At Sprague Electric

It reflects great credit on the members of the Sprague Electric organization that the WRUL crew was very enthusiastic over the happy, cordial atmosphere here.

In a letter to John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel, from Wyman Holmes, Boston Manager of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation, Sprague Electric employees were described as "courteous, friendly, and cooperative". Although the crew of WRUL had visited many factories and industries in New England, they had never been more warmly welcomed or capably handled. This spirit of friendliness and cooperation made the job of interviewing people for the "Freedom Speaks" program much easier and more effective.

Arrangements For WRUL's Visit to Sprague Electric Made by Courtney W. Flanders

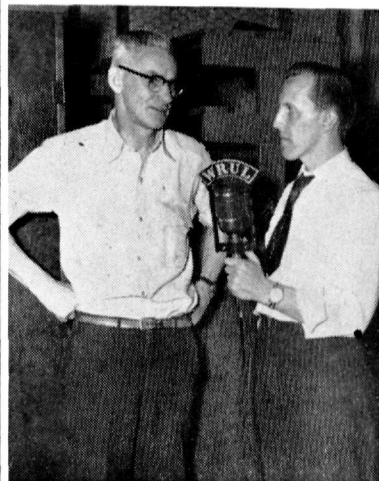
The arrangements for the interviews by the WRUL crew were made by Courtney W. Flanders of the Employee Relations Department. Mr. Flanders made all of the necessary preliminary plans with the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation and acted as host to Messrs. Dimond, Wesley, and Fleming during their stay at Sprague Electric. The interviewing of the sixteen people required nearly a whole day of work. The Beaver and Brown Street plants were covered in the morning and Marshall Street in the afternoon. The interviews were recorded on a tape recorder and will be edited before they are short-waved on the actual broadcasts. Arthur Mathews, Safety Director, accompanied the group in order to insure that all safety precautions were taken.

Date of Broadcast Changed

In the April 20 issue of the LOG, the statement was made that the short-wave broadcasts of this program would be made on May 4 and May 5. Since then, there has been a change of plans and the program will be beamed to South America on May 11 at 7:15 p.m. The same program will be beamed to Europe on May 12 at 4:30 p.m. WMNB will broadcast this program on May 11 at 10 a.m. and WNAW will broadcast the program on May 11 at 5:30 p.m.



Erasts Viksnins speaks in Latvian over WRUL.



John Robinson describes life in South America to Ed Wesley.



Mr. Dimond interviews Dina Gendron.



Frans Fonteyn expresses his opinion of America.



Lloyd King tells what democracy means to him.



Sid Dimond interviews Marge Hauptfleisch as she is about to punch the time clock.



John Milne sees democracy at work here in Sprague Electric.

Beaver Street

Miscellaneous Paper Finish by Gert Hall

Hello, folks. This is Gert Hall subbing for Velma Lincoln, who is leaving for a much desired and deserved rest.

The welcome mat is out for George Costa, Helen Dubois, Lillian Peck, Mary Lataif, and Elizabeth Fletcher.

It is very nice to hear Adele Solari singing away again while she works.

The main topic around here seems to be diets, so I think spring is here! Last, but not least to be on a diet, is our own Frank Major. My goodness, Frank, what shall we do when you lose that adorable pot.

Charlotte O'Brien is spending her annual two-week vacation at home resting.

Mable LeSage is pretty busy these days with moving to a new apartment and her son's coming wedding.

After weeks without receiving any mail, Alice Shays suddenly was bombarded with telephone calls (collect) from her son, Pvt. Raymond Shays, who is stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois.

Happy birthday to Roger Delisle.

That long, legged bird, Mr. Stork, is hovering over the homes of three of our co-workers. May he drop each of you just what you wish for.

The "Bug" seems to be still with us. Welcome back, Marge and Marguerite, hope you are feeling better.

It was very nice to have a visit from Teddie Pierce who has been ill. Get well and hurry back, Teddie.

Machine Shop

by Nick and John

William Barber spent the week end in New York City recently. He had the pleasure of seeing Bob Hope leaving on the Queen Mary for London.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lindquist have left for a month's vacation in California. They will spend this time in Los Altos, where their son and his family make their home. August, Jr. used to be employed in the laboratory here.

Miscellaneous Paper Assembly

by Marie-Rose LaFlamme

We welcome Dolores Tanguay back on days. Dolores, better known as "Dolly", was on nights for awhile.

Sorry to lose Rose Blair. She has started work on the night shift. Good luck, Rose, and hope you will soon come back with us.

Mary O'Neil is the envy of the room. She and her family have just moved into a new home at 24 Maple Street. They did most of the work themselves and that makes the house twice as important. We hear it is a good location for E. V. Mary has one, so girls, what are we waiting for??

Francis Messina and his wife enjoyed a nice week end in New York. They just missed seeing the MacArthur parade, but from all reports the traffic jam was in full swing.

We have a wolverine in the room. When any man goes by, young or old, she just whistles and says "Hello" in such a sweet voice. Sorry no clues given.

Now that Easter bonnets have faded away, the new subject for discussion is "where are you going on your vacation?" From the chitter-chatter yours truly picks up, there will be many places visited this year.

Short hair seems to be the fad taken up by the cork and can painters. Have you noticed "Ma" with her new hair-do? Ma is also known as Ida Fowler. You would think it was spring or something.

Paper Rolling (Night Shift) by Fran

We have had quite a change since our last report — Art Nelson went back to Marshall Street. Sorry to lose you, Art.

Art De Marsico came from Formation (Charles Sutliff's Department). He is quiet and a regular guy.

Phil (Barnardi) Nimmons went on the floor as a "supe" and, although we give her a lot of "razzing", we all like her. She will be all right on her new job.

We have had approximately ten new girls who were transfers from Dry Rolling. Their loss is our gain. We hope they like our gang.

The fad in our Department is to have your ears pierced. Mae Corsi and Bessie Turgeon had it done. Our "Grandma" Bessie certainly looks chic with her four-leaf clover, dangling earrings, but I wonder if it affected her. She claims she has a chicken hidden under a barrel! What goes, Bessie?

Florence Chalifoux had a minor operation performed recently and is coming along very nicely. We will see you soon, Flo.

Lloyd Bullet, Night Superintendent, has a touch of that virus, the "Bug". We miss him and his flashy ties.

Filter Department by Ginger

Effie Colvin's son, Pfc. Gerald Colvin, has returned to Camp Pickett, Virginia after spending a seven-day furlough at home.

Claire Danis is "real" cute with her new hair-do.

We are glad to see the following girls back after their recent illnesses: Millie Foote, Mabel O'Grady, and Rita Kut. Good luck to Lucy Gilmore, who has left us to assist her husband, Paul, who runs a golf driving range.

Bob Burr, our Check Inspector, received his driving license last week. Look out for those garage doors, Bob.

Our deepest sympathy to Millie Foote on the death of her sister.

Our deepest sympathy to Alice Monette on the death of her niece.

Bathtub Assembly

by D. Landry

Happy birthday to Vivian Dale and Neddie Canvanough.

We were sorry to hear that Shirley Grant (Carolyn's daughter) was operated on recently.

If anyone is interested in kittens, please contact Bertha Jennings. From a humble beginning of one cat, Bertha is now on the third and fourth cat generations.

We welcome Teresa Paquin to the Inspecting table.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the girls on Soldering who have been so very prompt in giving me my diploma.

Jim Nicol looks charming in his new yellow necktie. Never mind, Jimmie, we all have birthdays.

The Assemblers are sporting new pencil souvenirs from Rose Le Cuyet, Chris Andrews, and Ronnie and Francis Messina. They motored to New York City for the week end.

Betty Powell is ill and we all hope she will be back soon.

Florence Martell is to lose her tonsils any week end now.

Laura Skauron has just stepped around the corner, but her gang misses her very much. The sun doesn't seem as bright around the Assembly table since she left.

Marshall Street

Automatic Rolling Dept. by Choo-Choo

Joe Bairrier patiently is waiting for

his new DeSoto to arrive.

Allie Bates has a Studebaker which he just purchased.

The trout fishermen from the Department have been out in full force. Taking advantage of the season are Joe Rosse and Al Allard, who are on vacation.

The usual arguments about baseball are the main topics at lunch period, while the MacArthur affair has faded.

Many of the boys are planning vegetable gardens this year. Some have their land plowed and the early vegetables planted.

F. P. Finish

by Jan Robinson

Dorothy Fowler will become the wife of Toile Lewis on May 19. The ceremony will be small and quiet. Dot is a welder in the F. P. Department and Toile is Inspector of Public Utilities for Berkshire County. They will reside on Stratton Road, Williamstown when their new home is completed. The whole Department wishes you happiness and good luck, Dot. Grace McConnell gave a shower for Dot on April 26. Dot received many lovely gifts and a good time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hall are the parents of a baby girl born on April 22. Mrs. Hall was a tester in the F. P. Department. Congratulations.

Sorry to hear that Della Grant's husband is ill. We hope he will be better soon.

Welcome back to Stella Charbonneau. Glad to see you have recuperated from your accident.

Good-bye and good luck to all those who have left the Department recently.

Well, it looks as if spring is here to stay. These nice sunny days have brought out scores of cool, cheerful looking cotton dresses.

Retail Sales

by Hit N'Run

First of all, we want to say that we all miss Corinne Gallup who was transferred to the Office at Beaver Street. The day that Corinne left a few tears were shed when she was presented a beautiful cake and a gift from all of us. We all wish you the best of luck with your new job, Corinne. But those who will miss you most are the knitters in the department who always went to you for aid when they got stuck.

The fellows in the department are sporting new work jackets and do they look sharp.

One of the lucky anglers at the start of fishing season was Dorsey King, husband of Avalina King. Avie tells us that he caught the limit in the Deerfield River.

Teresa Deso, Lorraine Van Steenberg, Avalina King, and Barbara King all look lovely with their new short hair styles.

On May 3, a supper was held for the girls in the department at the County Squire.

Sample Department

by M. and N.

A group of girls from the department shunned all sense of responsibility towards their diets and enjoyed a lovely dinner at The Springs.

Alice Marchio celebrated her fourth wedding anniversary with a dinner party at The County Squire.

David Reed could not resist Mother Nature's call, so he went fishing. He caught enough trout for his lunch.

Ask Jerry Lavigne about his little four-legged pet, named Junior.

What is the teen-aged young man wearing these days? Ask Don Bellevue and Bob McDonough. They certainly have style.

We want to welcome the girls on the night shift.

Factory Engineering by Gloria Dragotta

Now that the baseball season is well on its way, the main debate in the office is "the Red Sox and the Yanks". Albert O'Connor is convinced that the Yank's luck will break this year; Doug Norton is on the negative side.

Anyone looking for a ride on the 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. shift between Becket and North Adams, please contact David Gore in Factory Engineering at Marshall Street.

We welcome Fred Scarborough's Office to the 3rd floor of Building 4. We're not quite so deserted now.

Who said there is no war on. Ask anyone of the draftsmen in Factory Engineering. Also, watch the expression on their faces when they say "7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m."

Old Familiar Sayings:

Doug Norton: What happened to the Red Sox yesterday?

Albert O'Connor: Did you read Walter Winchell's column?

Richard Stillings: Up in New Hampshire, where I come from.

Ralph Boisljolie: I'm going to Brown Street and will stop in John's office also on the way back.

David Gore: My car broke down again.

Albert Hamer: Well, you know etc....

Frank Donohue: I planted a few more trees around my house last night (he must have a near complete forest behind his house by now) and am fixing up the lawn. (Who's fixing up the lawn?) We have heard that the Mrs. was doing that.)

Earl Burke: Pulled my television set apart again; works much better now.

Gloria Dragotta: What is the matter with you, of course I can cook.

Ceramic Department

by Ida Gigliotti

We wish Lillian Schwozzer a speedy recovery. "Lil" is out on sick leave and we miss her very much. We sincerely regret that she was not here so we could help her celebrate her birthday on April 27, but we all want to wish her a very happy birthday.

Cigars and lollipops were the order of the day recently. They were passed around by Bobbie Bailot who became the proud papa of a baby boy. Congratulations to the parents, and thanks for the cigars and lollipops.

Ann certainly knows how to make fudge. It was delicious, and did it go fast.

Virginia came to the rescue of Stanley who was almost overcome by smoke in our recent fire in the kilns. Virginia, as brave as could be, threw the windows open and assisted Stanley out of the room. We have nominated her "honorary member of the fire brigade."

Brown Street

KVA Department

by

Frank Santelli and Eleanor King

We hope Frank Santelli's luck has changed. His little daughter, Priscilla, has had scarlet fever, a tonsil operation, and an appendicitis operation. Nothing like having your hard luck all at one time, Frank.

Welcome back from sunny Florida, Barbara. We missed you a lot.

Welcome, John Shaker, back to the KVA Department. Glad to have you back with us.

Ace Samia, Bill Pasoth, Edward Moranti, and Howard Donovan were fishing in the Green River when Ace gave out with a loud shout, "I got one, a trout, and about two feet long". After the boys inspected it, it proved to be nothing more than a sucker. Ace, being very disgusted, put his fishing equipment in the car and announced that it was his last trout fishing for the season.

Wire Coating by Betty Jangrow

It seems quite natural to see Larry Haskins around the Department again. Laura Arnold from the Nashua plant was a business visitor recently.

Earl Washburn spent last week end in Manchester, Connecticut.

Ray Dickinson and family moved from Bennington to Pownal, April 25. We hope you enjoy your new home.

May 1 being the opening day for trout fishing in Vermont, we hope to hear some good fish stories. Incidentally, having a fisherman for a husband, I can cook a trout supper any evening from now on and this is a true fish story.

Mr. Masselli tells us that his son, Michael, was married on April 28.

Industrial Oil Rolling by Erminia Sweeney

Congratulations to Marguerite Walsh on her thirty-first Wedding Anniversary on April 17. We wish you many more.

Hail to our new "Sheik" of the Stockroom, Bernard Duval. We still think Al Guisti is the head man in this league.

Spring has arrived here early judging by all the posies the girls are wearing.

Clear the decks, girls, Ceil Bouchard is taking driving lessons.

Our prettiest addition to the Rolling Department is "Dot" Zoito.

Alice Beauchamp is a new auntie again. Congratulations Alice.

Frances Miles claims there are 435 posts from the start of the Mohawk Trail to the top of the Trail, towards the Sportsman's Club.

Albina Bouchard is enjoying her annual vacation. Have a good time!

Sally Channell's specialty nowadays is black angora cats. She now has three!

Helen Unis must be slowing up, she doesn't quite reach the clock first any way.

Things we would like to know:

What happened to our "Sprague Shows" (minstrels)?

Lou Vincelle certainly can land some big fish, and we do mean fish!

We extend a warm welcome to the new girls and boys in our department — I know we will enjoy working together.

Industrial Oil Rolling (Second Shift) by Angie Bagdonas

Well folks, there is never a dull moment in this Department. Agnes Miller was so busy helping the girls lately that she brought in a nifty pair of roller skates to get around faster. Not a bad idea, Agnes.

We have a great comedian in our gang and she certainly can imitate "Gorgeous George" and "Dead Eye Pete". You get a hearty laugh from the girls. Dot, keep imitating.

Ethel King is very anxious to move into her newly built home. Loads of luck from all of us, Ethel.

We all had a wonderful roast beef supper lately which was enjoyed by all, especially the men, who certainly got the gravy, and we do mean gravy. How about that, girls?

If anyone in this Department sees a "teeny weeny mouse" with a piece of tin foil around its tail, please notify Alice Foster.

Welcome back to Mae Sztetla from all of the gang. Mae has been out on sick leave and it is certainly good to see her back.

If you enjoy listening to "Franco American" music, why not visit the "Cooler Girls" and get an ear full. We must admit they are pretty good even if they are off key.

Credit is given to Mae Ryan for being the best roller in the "Cooler". Ah yes, so good, she can even paper roll with two fingers bandaged. If you don't believe it, ask the night nurse.

Nickie Bissailon and Anna Provencer are having a race rolling sections while standing up instead of sitting. Who shall win? Find out in our next issue.

SPORTS

Kenny Russell



Louis Vincelette of Industrial Oil Stacking displays four of the Wall-Eyes which he caught in a corn field.

This may sound fishy, but--

At this time, I would like to relate what I was told is a true story. We will call it — "Corny Fish"!

It seems that three of our ardent Isaac Waltons decided to try Lake Champlain for Wall-Eyes. On the way they stopped off enroute for "breathing spells" and were told that they were just wasting their time because the Wall-Eyes were not "running" yet.

But this fore-warning did not disturb our local lads, and they continued on until they reached their destination which was just about 3 miles below the Canadian Border. Mississquoi Bay was the place and our outdoorsmen stopped at Trestle Inn, a real sanctuary for the outdoor lovers and operated by a G.I.

Not knowing the best fishing grounds, the boys decided to cruise a bit.

A short time later, the fellows discovered a small inlet that seemed like the mouth of a small river. After motoring a short distance in this locale, our boys made their first catch. A very nice 20 inch Wall-Eye. Later the lads caught two more. At this time one of the fellows decided he had enough, as it was quite cold.

Rather than go all of the way back they decided to go in further where they located a cabin which was at the very edge of the water. Oddly enough, there seemed to be a path cut out of the protruding sticks that bordered both sides of the boat.

Fortunately, instead of having to "thumb" back to the car, this lad met the owner of the cabin and as he was heading back to town, got a lift back

to where the car was parked. Here is the "corny" part of the story — This "Isaac Walton" discovered to his amazement that where he and his companions had caught the fish was actually the owner's CORN FIELD. The open lane that allowed the boys to guide the boat was actually the DRIVEWAY.

The early Spring high water had inundated the field and the water was actually 12 feet deep. Later, when the three boys had reached town and displayed their six beautiful "Wall-Eyes" the word spread like wild fire that the "Wall-Eyes" were running and the following day about 50 boats could be seen dotting the bay and location where our lads had such success.

Yes, fans, this is an actual true story and our fishermen were Louis Vincelette, of the Industrial Oils; George Giroux, operator of the Lunch Room; and Steve Sullivan, a friend of George Giroux.

Proof of the catches was displayed by the fellows at the plant and Lewis Cronin can attest to the fact that the fish were delightful to eat as he lured one of the fish from our pioneering fishermen.

Entries are beginning to pour in and if this is the trend for the year, this season's Fishing Contest should be a real success.

Northern Berkshire High School Baseball

Drury: Coach Johnny DelNegro has a couple of good pitchers but unless the boys swing the stick with some authority it may be a rough ride. However let's call the "Blue Devils" an outside "Dark Horse".

Adams: The Red and White are about in the same fix as Drury as Coach Chet Zabek attempts to mold a team that will truly represent the Mother Team in traditional Adams fashion.

Williamstown: This looks like a bright year for the College Town lads and it certainly will be sweet revenge to upset some of the leading teams in the circuit. After being the so-called "doormat" for a number of years, Coach Mickey Smith's squad has looked fine in its 3 exhibition tilts. The last win was over Bennington and the lads looked good. Austin pitched and batted his team to victory.

Dalton: This may be the year for Dalton. The Paper Town team is a well seasoned group and has been together as a unit for two seasons. Coach John Kellar has two able

pitchers and probably the best catchers in the league. Postponements are the only handicaps that will affect Dalton, as they have only 2 first-string hurlers.

Pittsfield: Coach Art Foxes' Shire city nine is the pre-season favorite, and his well-seasoned team that has a wealth of fine replacements will be mighty hard to beat, but in High School competition who can tell? Pittsfield has already beaten Dalton in an exhibition game, 4-1.

Pittsfield St. Joseph: We spoke highly of Dalton and Pittsfield and right in the middle, or should we say muddle, is the Parochial lads and they are potent and have shown a great deal of offensive power. This team opens up the schedule by tangling with arch-rival Pittsfield and nothing would please the followers of St. Joseph more than a stunning upset win.

General: The Pittsfield "Electrics" of the Can-American League will open a new season and their home opener is the early part of May. This is called the "Pony League" or class D ball. One may recall seeing Al Rosen, now a regular with the Cleveland Indians, playing with the Pittsfield Indians when they were a farm club affiliated with Cleveland. This season the Pittsfield club is linked with the "Phillies."

Albany has already opened its season's schedule at Hawkins Stadium in Albany. For good Class A ball, one can see the Senators in Home Games just some 47 miles away. This team is in the Eastern League.

Springfield, a farm team of the Chicago Cubs, is in Triple A competition, being a member of the International League, last stepping stone to the Major Leagues. This year the baby "Cubs" are not hitting except "empty space" and they are presently stuck in 6th place. However, we know that the Cubs have the potential strength and many a good ball game will be seen in Pynchon Park.

Major Leagues

American League: Well, the big leagues have been at it now for a little more than two weeks, and until the teams have made a complete tour of the league, we will withhold any decisive statements.

On the basis of activity seen in the Junior Circuit in the East, the Red Sox and Yankees loom as even clubs with accent on pitching favoring the New York Club. Right now, the Washington Senators are making life miserable for the other clubs and when that Cuban battery goes to work it is indeed a rough time for the opposing club.

The Western clubs are a potent lot with the Cleveland Indians the big "gun". But again those pesky St. Louis Browns are refusing to lie down for the rest of the teams.

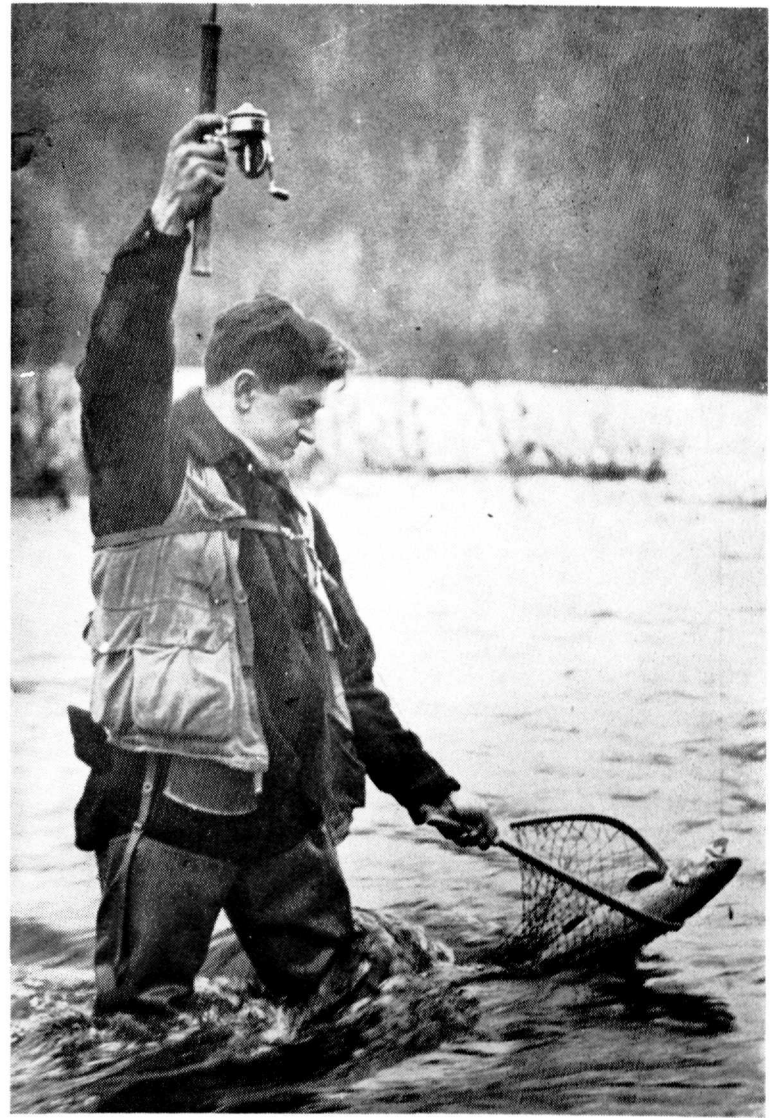
Al Zarilla of the Chicago White Sox has got away to a fine start, and this former Brownie and Red Sox player may make both of these clubs regret trading him.

National League: The Boston Braves are combining hitting and fine pitching to lead the field with 10 wins to date.

The finding of Max Surkont as the Braves 4th starter has been a big incentive, for the team members to really "bust" down the fences.

"Max" has won all 3 starts to date and his two wins over the "Phillies" and 1 against Brooklyn show that those were no flukes. The offensive power has been wound around those Giant cast-offs and fleet-footed Sam Jethroe.

The "Phillies" and "Dodgers" are as good a club as any in the league and



Peter Cardimino pulls a trout out of the Deerfield River at Cemetery Hole. Pete's wife, Edna, is employed in Paper Rolling.

here again we state that until the teams have made the round "robin" we should not elate or defame any outfit.

Many dejected New York Giant fans are about ready to ride Leo the "Lip" but the real "Fan" knows that a club like the Giants will rebound, although a disastrous spring start can certainly go a long way in bringing down any pennant hopes, for after all they all count in the final analysis.

FLASH:

The Fraternal Organizations and Civic Clubs are uniting in sponsoring a Junior Baseball League. The leaders will be John McConnell, "Bucky" Bullett, and Johnny DelNegro. This is a fine athletic achievement to attain and this column will see that the "Pee-Wee" League gets all of the publicity that we can possibly spare. More on this in the next issue.



Williams College Sports

Track: The Williams College track team has started with amazing success as they decisively whipped Middlebury, the University of Massachusetts, and arch rival, Wesleyan. There is no doubt about it, Coach "Tony" Plansky has a great squad and it is well-balanced in both the track and field events.

Lacrosse: In their most recent encounter, the "Ephmen" were edged out

in the last period by Yale, 7-5. The Yale squad was in better condition than the Williams team but were not out-spirited, as the "Purple" made this game a hotly contested one.

Tennis: Coach Chaffee's racquet wielders easily downed Bowdoin and this fine showing demonstrates that the experience gained in the early spring jaunt to the Southern colleges is going to pay off.

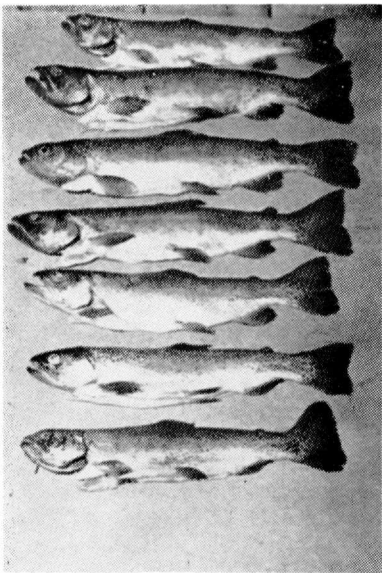
Golf: Coach Dick Baxter's squad ushered in the home season with a close victory over Holy Cross. Final was Williams 5½ - Holy Cross 3½.

Baseball: Already Coach Bobby Coombs' Purple nine has tasted two defeats and are at this writing about to face the Pittsfield Electrics, members of the Can American League, in an exhibition at Wachonah Park, Pittsfield.

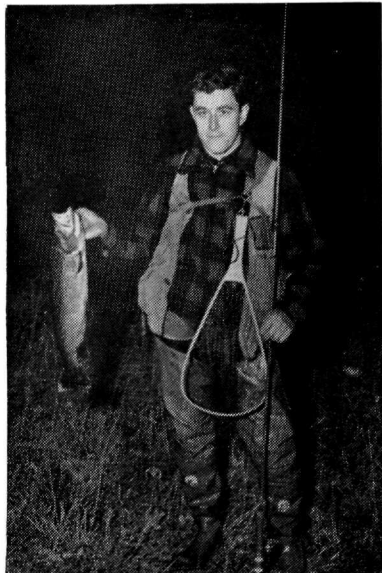
The University of Mass. spotted the "Ephmen" an early lead and then surged to the front in the later inning to cop the contest. "Red" Bakey, former Drury High star, was in the visiting line-up and had two hits in four trips to the plate. He played an outfield position for the "Red-Men". The score was 6-4.

In one of the best games seen at Weston field in years and played before a sparse crowd, Bowdoin edged out the "Purple" in 13 innings by the score of 2-0. Williams as well as Bowdoin had several golden opportunities to send a run across the platter, but each time stout pitching and an air tight defense got the rival pitchers out of the jams.

Earlier, we stated that pitching would be one of the major problems confronting the Williams mentor, however, pitching has left much to be desired. Williams must show rapid improvement for Amherst looks great on the diamond this year.



William Mausert of the Machine Shop caught this nice mess of trout on the first day of fishing season.



Peter Cardimino's trout weighs 4 pounds and 4 ounces and is 24 inches long.